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Chris Penrose of Success Beyond Limits, who says safety and opportunities for youth have improved in the area

The intersection of Jane Street and Finch Avenue W., at the centre of the Black Creek neighbourhood, looks like any other: gas station, apartment towers, shopping plaza and convenience stores.

But under a new City of Toronto "equity score," Black Creek is considered the least livable of Toronto's 140 neighbourhoods, based on 15 criteria including employment, high school graduation, mortality, green space and the prevalence of diabetes.

Those falling below a benchmark score of 42.89 are now considered a "Neighbourhood Improvement Area," according to a staff report released Monday.

Black Creek falls the farthest with a score of 21.38. Nearly a quarter of its residents are on social assistance, a third are considered low income — nearly three times the local average — and graduation rates are low.

"We've got great residents who've come here from very challenging environments," said Wanda MacNevin, director of programming at the Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre. "Considering what we lack in terms of resources, we manage. But it's a struggle all the time."

Many social services are resident-run, with precarious funding for health, education, child care, legal clinics, settlement services, lunches for seniors and more, MacNevin said.

Most residents live in highrise apartments. Over half speak another language at home, most commonly Vietnamese, Spanish, Italian, Tamil and Arabic.

"We're a first settlement-type community. We have lots of new arrivals ... people coming here from all over the place. A hundred different languages spoken, lots of single-parent families, a heavy concentration of (public) housing, lots of poverty," said Anthony Perruzza, the area councillor and chair of the community development committee that will consider the staff report next week.

Crime rates are not included in the city's new metric, but "Jane and Finch" has become shorthand for illegal activity. There were seven homicides in 31 Division last year, and four of those — all males in their teens — were shot within blocks of the intersection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DEROZAN DUNKS DETROIT

Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan is fouled on his way to the hoop past Detroit Pistons centre Andre Drummond in Toronto on Wednesday. The Raps got back to their winning ways with a 101-87 victory over the sputtering Pistons. DeRozan led the way with 25 points. Story, page 39. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chow's rivals quick to strike as she joins race

Civic election. Former NDP MP has led in most polls of potential mayoral contenders over the past year

Olivia Chow was in Toronto on Wednesday preparing to kick off her mayoral campaign inside a church in St. James Town, a low-income downtown area filled with highrises. Chow lived there with her family after emigrating from Hong Kong in 1970.

The left-leaning politician joins an already crowded field of right-wing contenders preaching fiscal restraint. Chow is expected to promise bold, progressive changes for the city.

Her challengers, including Mayor Rob Ford, wasted no time painting her as a spendthrift politician while evoking the past.

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"Tell Olivia Chow that you don't want her spending YOUR tax dollars to benefit her political career."

A statement on the John Tory for Mayor Campaign's website

Ford told CP24 he welcomed Chow's entry in the race and said she makes former mayor David Miller "look like a conservative."

Coun. Karen Stintz's mayoralty campaign issued a statement saying the city can't afford "to go back to the ways of an NDP Mayor."

"Toronto needs someone reasonable and accountable in the mayor's chair, not someone who is going to perpetuate old-style 'tax-and-spend' attitudes," the email said.

The John Tory for Mayor Campaign threw up a barebones website inviting people to "tell Olivia Chow that you don't want her spending YOUR tax dollars to benefit her political career." Tory has registered to run already but plans his formal campaign kickoff event next week.

Businessman David Soknacki steered clear of any attack Wednesday.

"Welcome to the race, look forward to debate, look forward to the seven months ahead," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City feels winter's wrath again

Scenes like this one were everywhere on Wednesday as Toronto was slammed by another major winter storm. Residents, already fed up with the wicked winter of 2014, had to bundle up to cope with blistering winds, slippery sidewalks, snarled traffic and delayed transit. However, there is some spring in the air in the days ahead, with temperatures forecast to rise to 8 C by Friday.

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A father's gaze helps diagnose son

Triplets. Mason, Luke and Thomas have all been diagnosed with a rare eye cancer after the new dad noticed Mason's pupil looked unusual

Three-month-old triplets Mason, Luke and Thomas all suffer from the same rare eye cancer. FAMILY PHOTO

Their birth was unlikely, and their lives are even more so.

Barely three months old, identical triplets Thomas, Mason and Luke Low all suffer from the same form of rare eye cancer, an unprecedented medical case that will affect the boys and their parents, Richard and Leslie, for the rest of their lives.

One triplet, Thomas, has already lost an eye, and one of Mason's may also need to be removed.

"I think the reality of all of it hasn't fully set in," Richard said Tuesday. "We're just kind of taking it a day at a time."

The Low family lives in Edmonton but the triplets are currently receiving treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. It's been a whirlwind of doctors and tests since Richard, a medical resident, first noticed something unusual in one of his sons' eyes about two weeks ago.

"Mason's pupil was irregularly shaped. Kind of looked like a teardrop instead of a circle," he said.

Within days, all three were diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare, aggressive cancer that causes tumours to develop in the eyes as they mature. Once their eyes are fully grown, the triplets will still be susceptible to more tumours than average elsewhere in their bodies.

"It's something they'll always have to be aware of," said Richard.

It turns out that Richard's background may have helped save his sons.

"When I was looking in his eyes, Mason's eyes, I think a lot of people would have thought, oh he's an infant, that's pretty normal. And I thought, why?" he said of the irregularly shaped pupil.

"It was just a lot more curious to me, and that's what made me investigate a little more."

It turned out the pupil's shape had nothing to do with the cancer — but without that subsequent visit to the doctor, who knows when the triplets' diagnosis would have been made.

"We were really lucky," said Richard, noting the early catch means his sons "should survive." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The story has been racked with odds-defying situations. First, the identical triplets — born six weeks premature on Dec. 5 — are rare, occurring once in every million births to once in every 125,000 births, depending on whom you ask. Second, they all have the same form of cancer, seen in about 20 cases a year in Canada.

Tracking feelings on Kanye

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If you want to know how Twitter feels about Kanye West right now, go to kanyefeels.info.

Chris Barless, a web developer who works for Pilot Interactive in Toronto, built the site. It takes 100 tweets that mention "Kanye" every hour and does a rudimentary sentiment analysis of them, live, giving each tweet a score between -10 and 10 based on how good the tweeter feels about Kanye. In the background, the facial expressions of an animated West change based on the result.

Sentiment analysis — measuring subjective information in text — isn't new and has been applied to social media before. However, Barless believes his site might be the first to show how it works in real time in this manner.

Barless built the website over four days to teach himself how to use the new technologies involved. He chose West as his subject because: "He's probably one of the most important entertainers working, period," so he knew that there would be a lot of people tweeting about him. Plus, it's likely no one else is named "Kanye" but West, so he knew all the tweets would be about the right person, he said.

"It would be a lot harder to automate that with someone with a more common name, like Little B, would return all kinds of results," he said. "Also importantly, he's a very divisive person, so there's going to be people saying really, really horrible things about him and really great things about him."

A screen shot from the website kanyefeels.info. METRO

The site's images of West — whose expression changes with sentiment rating of the tweets — are made in animated ASCII art, which is made of keyboard symbols and was popular in the early '90s. "Before there were really photos online people would recreate things out of those characters because they were the only thing available and I was kind of a geeky kid, around back then, and I was always a fan of that aesthetic. It looks kind of gritty and lo-fi.

"The technology driving the sentiment analysis is something I had nothing to do with, it's called AFINN," he said. AFINN takes common words, each assigned a positive or negative score based on how people said the word feels.

"'Good' and 'laugh' have a positive score, 'angry' and 'hate' have a negative score," he said.

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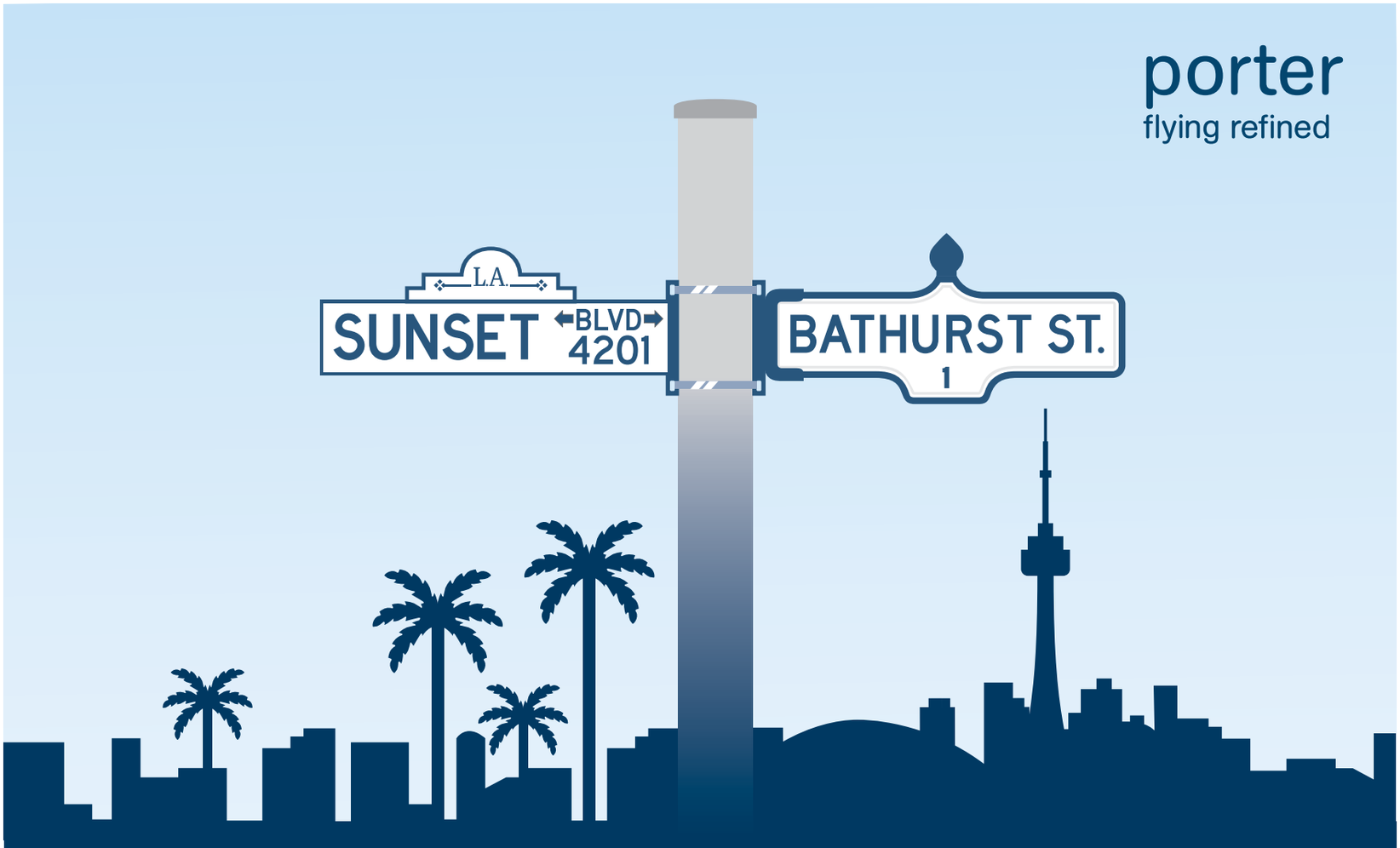

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Huge hydro bill prompts calls for CEO to resign

Hydro One. So far, ombudsman's received 6,661 complaints

The Progressive Conservatives are calling for Hydro One president and CEO Carmine Marcello to resign immediately over the billing fiasco that has gripped the Crown corporation.

Waving a bill a constituent received for $233,692.70, Tory MPP Jeff Yurek said Wednesday it is further evidence that Marcello should leave. "It is unbelievable that a Crown corporation ... is sending out this type of billing ... it is ridiculous," Yurek told reporters at Queen's Park.

The questionable billing is all part of what Ontario ombudsman André Marin says is the result of "egregious errors" by an uncaring corporation, which has 1.4 million customers.

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"It is obvious that the culture at Hydro One isn't one of customer service or care." Tory MPP Jeff Yurek

"I can't see (the culture) changing with the CEO who created the culture, who still is in place," said Yurek.

Meanwhile, Marin's office is probing Hydro One's billing practices that resulted in cases of customers being billed thousands of dollars for unclear reasons. Marcello has vowed to fix the billing problem, the result of a $153.7-million customer system changeover in May.

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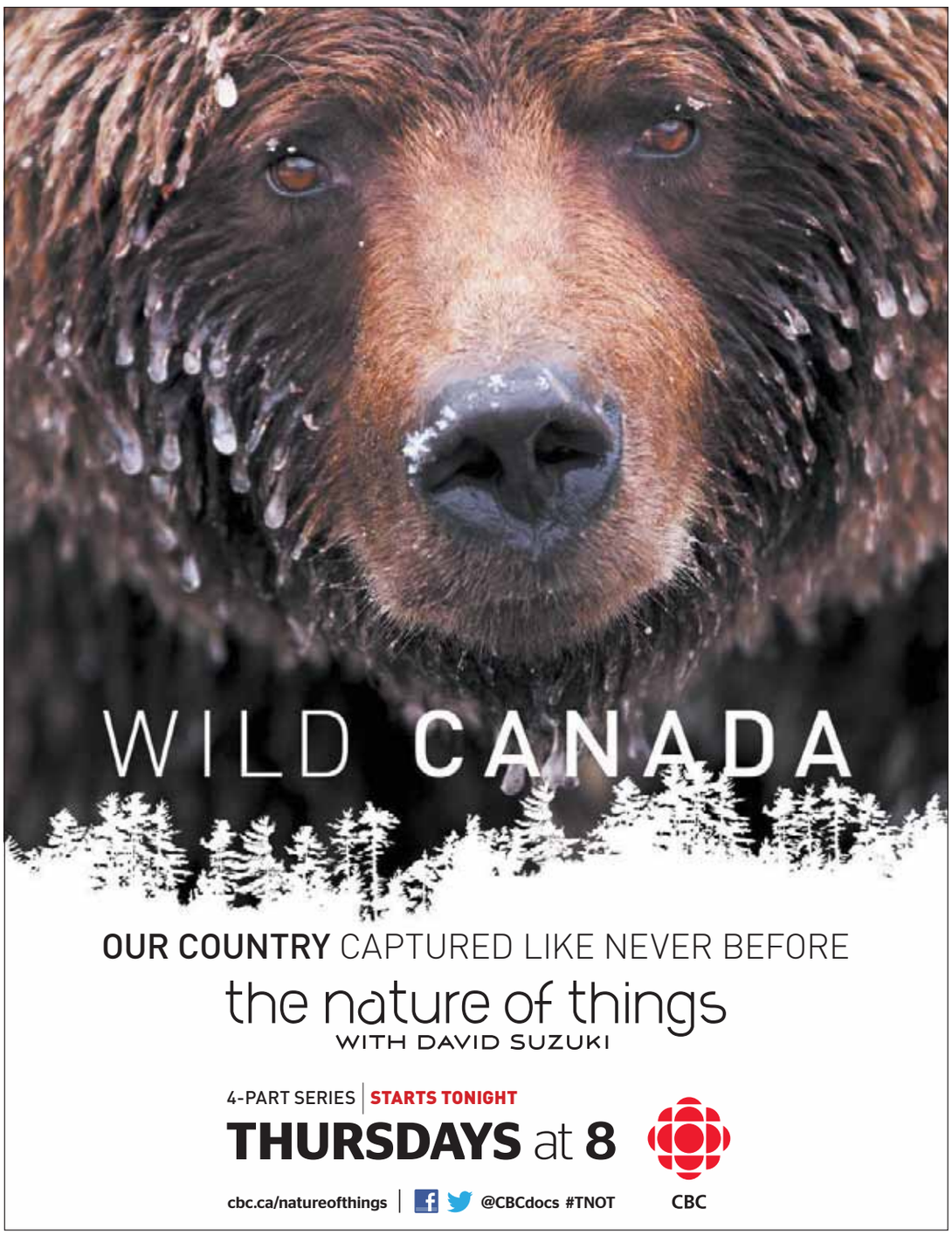
Hydro One president and CEO Carmine Marcello is under fire. CONTRIBUTED



One price fits all. T.O. firm pushing for $20 tablets

The Canadian makers of the "world's lowest cost tablet," the UbiSlate 7Ci, think $37.99 still isn't cheap enough.

They figure there's still room to knock about 50 per cent off its price and make tablet ownership possible for anyone and everyone.

"This idea is to bridge the digital divide, it's really that simple, the idea is to overcome the affordability barrier," says Datawind CEO Suneet Singh Tuli during an interview at his Toronto-area office, one of five the company has in Canada, England, Germany and India.

"We think as the Scandinavians do that (Internet access) is a fundamental human right."

On the second floor of an unassuming strip mall the Datawind team is working on its strategy to sell cut-rate "good enough" tablets.

The company is best known for its work with the Indian government, which it supplied with low-cost tablets for a program to get technology into the hands of students. Datawind was recently named one of the world's 50 smartest companies by the MIT Technology Review magazine for launching those tablets, branded under the Aakash name.

Tuli says the company can sell the tablets so inexpensively because of the scale of its production runs and the fact that it makes its own screens, which helps boost profit margins. A preloaded web browser also displays ads that generate additional revenue for Datawind — although users can choose to download an ad-free browser — and the company monetizes some downloads of apps.

Tuli says he envisions the price of Datawind's lower-end tablet slipping below $20 "within the next year or two," especially if revenues from ads and apps grow.

Suneet Singh Tuli, CEO of DataWind TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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No-fly zone?

Porter accuses city of trying to block jet plan

The Toronto Port Authority is accusing city staff of making unreasonable demands that will essentially thwart approval plans for Porter Airlines to fly jets from the island airport.

In a March 10 letter to the mayor, deputy mayor and all city councillors, port authority chair Mark McQueen says recent city staff requests on takeoff and landing slots as well as restricting commercial flights on weekends and holidays would "affect the long-term viability of the airport."

Calling them "poison pills," McQueen said they "serve to ensure that neither the TPA nor federal government will be able to approve the Porter proposal, should these new conditions be ultimately required by Toronto city council."

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Taxi reforms a fare deal?

Toronto Taxi Licence.
By July 2024, taxi owners will no longer be able to rent out licences for income

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To some, city council's decision to overhaul the taxi industry was an act of social justice that will lift taxi drivers out of "slave"-like conditions. To others, it was an "attack on the middle class."

To cut through the rhetoric and get a handle on the taxi licence market, Metro requested data on taxi plate sales from city staff and received the value of every licence transfer since Jan. 1, 2000, and charted the data.

We contacted Ryerson University economics professor Derek Stacey, gave him the data and asked how the city's regulatory changes will impact the players in the taxi industry financially.

The reform council approved mandates that, by July 2024, all taxi licences must be converted to Toronto Taxi Licences (TTLs), meaning the owners can no longer lease or rent out the licence for income, as many do now, and must drive the taxi themselves.

Today, corporations and people that never drive the cab own the vast majority of the city's 3,451 standard licences.

According to city data, 117 people have bought plates for $250,000 or more.

Stacey said that taxi industry participants appear to have anticipated that the changes will depress prices as the city's review progressed, because the average sale price of a standard license fell by approximately $70,000 from 2012 to 2013 — almost 30 per cent — when in previous years the average price was steadily increasing.

However, the extent of the decline in value of standard plates over the next 10 years as they are sold and converted to TTLs is difficult to determine, he said.

The TTL licence will be used to generate revenue the same way as a standard licence does today, but instead of the revenue going to an owner, an agent and the drivers, it would go to the drivers, and that suggests that the plates will still be valuable, he said.

However, plate sellers will find fewer buyers when wealthier investors, who aren't interested in driving, can no longer purchase licences.

"You would have to find a buyer who's willing to drive it and has deep enough pockets to buy it. That's where we might start to see the decline in value," he said.

The other changes the city voted for — adding more cabs to the street and mandating that taxis are wheelchair accessible — will contribute to lower the value of the plate, said Stacey.

Giving the plate owners 10 years to act lessens the financial impact, he said, because they will still be able to earn from licensing the plate for up to 10 years. Lease rates reported to the city average $1,250 a month, but drivers told city staff they pay up to $2,400.

In the '80s and '90s, city staff estimated the average annual rate of return, based on average plate value and average lease rates, was about 13 per cent. Without reliable data on lease rates, that calculation can't be done today.

Those for and against 'Robin-Hood-esque reform'

COUNCILLORS FOR REFORM

Some councillors spoke passionately about the reforms at City Hall.

Coun. Pam McConnell, who brought the motion to pass the reforms, called shift drivers "slaves" to the absentee plate owners, sometimes ending a 12-hour shift with as a little as five cents in their pocket, she said.

Coun. David Shiner told council he loves a good investment, but wouldn't buy a taxi plate because he'd "feel too guilty" making money "on the backs of the poor people who have to work too hard to make that money."

Coun. Janet Davis told Metro she believes council's decision was fair and balanced, because it gives plate owners 10 years to make the change.

SHIFT DRIVERS

Most shift drivers support the reforms. In November, about 2,000 licensed drivers attended a city meeting at AllStream Centre after organizers passed around petitions and formed groups in support of the plan. It was the largest public consultation meeting the city has ever held.

They are the drivers who pay up front to drive and have long-complained about working long hours, often coming home with less than the equivalent of minimum wage.

"I think this is a historic moment, when the industry is back in the hands of the people who are working 12 hours a day," said Sajid Mughal, president of the iTaxiworkers Association.

COUNCILLORS AGAINST

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly was one of the councillors who voted against the reform.

He warned against making changes that may land the city in court, and suggested delaying changes long enough to lobby the province for a change in law that would allow the city itself to benefit financially from the market for taxi plates. He also advocated taking the finances of the current plate owners into account. "Their plates have value and the way this licensing system is proposed, their plates will lose their value," he said.

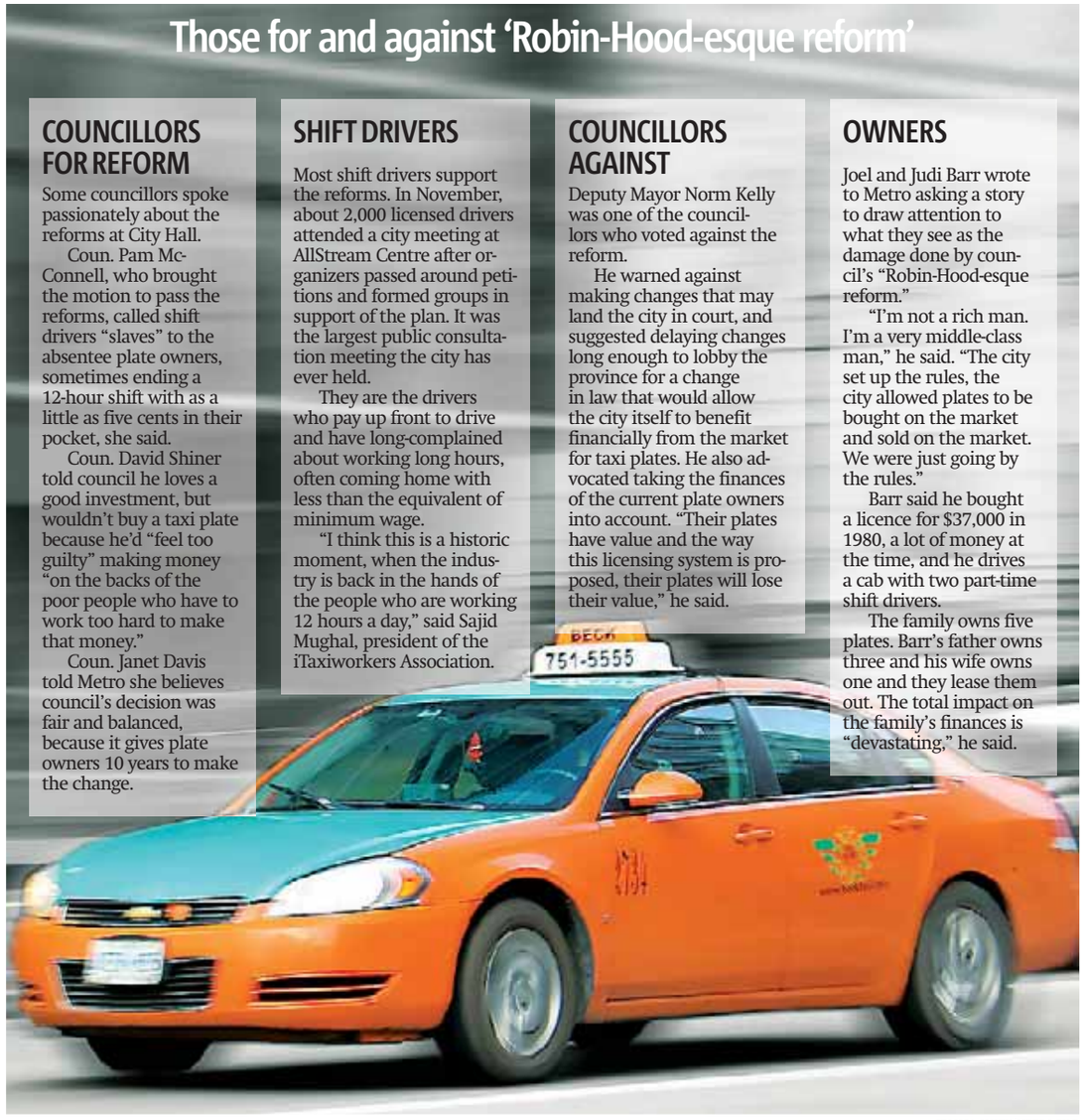
OWNERS

Joel and Judi Barr wrote to Metro asking a story to draw attention to what they see as the damage done by council's "Robin-Hood-esque reform."

"I'm not a rich man. I'm a very middle-class man," he said. "The city set up the rules, the city allowed plates to be bought on the market and sold on the market. We were just going by the rules."

Barr said he bought a licence for $37,000 in 1980, a lot of money at the time, and he drives a cab with two part-time shift drivers.

The family owns five plates. Barr's father owns three and his wife owns one and they lease them out. The total impact on the family's finances is "devastating," he said.



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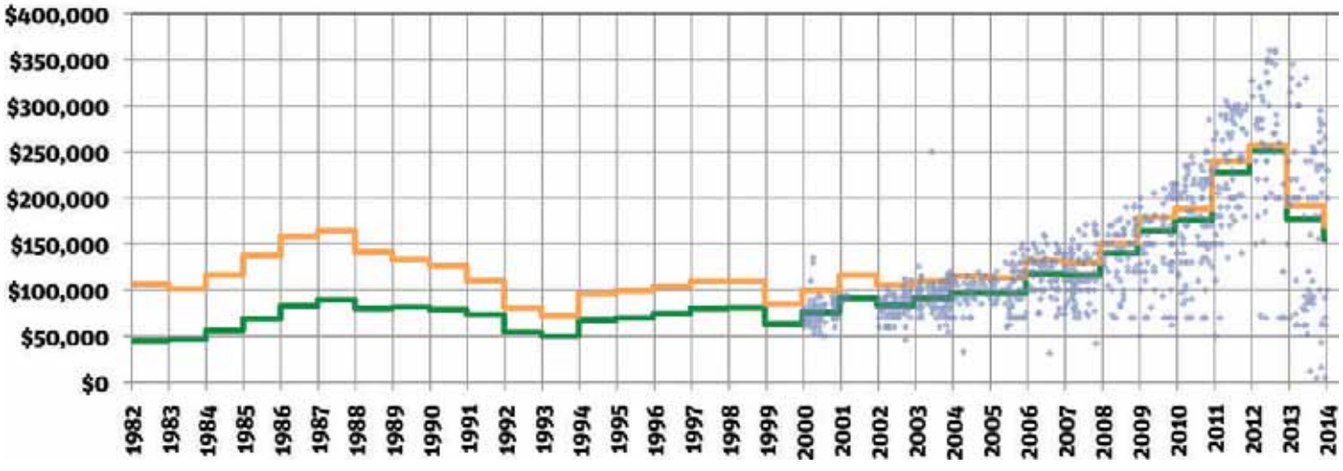

Based on data from the City of Toronto, this graph denotes the value of taxi licence sales over time. The green line is the average value of annual sales, the orange line is the average value adjusted for inflation to 2014 dollars, and the dots are the prices of actual sales, in the unadjusted dollars. In recent years, sales of plates for nominal amounts have become a common way for family members to transfer plate ownership. These transfers are unrelated to the market value of the plate and skew the data, so they have been excluded between 2000 and 2014.

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12 years a mission: Kabul's Maple Leaf down for good

Bound for home.
Troops wrap up Afghan duty, Canada's longest-ever campaign

As the Canadian flag inched its way down the pole Wednesday at NATO headquarters in Kabul, Master Cpl. Jordan Taylor didn't necessarily see the red and white Maple Leaf.

The faces of friends who didn't come home were before his eyes.

"I see their faces all the time, always remember them. So, that's what I was reflecting on," said Taylor, who helped haul down the flag on Canada's longest-ever military mission.

The wounds this country has inflicted were on quiet, subtle display at the understated ceremony before the headquarters building.

Sprinkled through a crowd of three dozen Canadians who stood at attention were troops who'd returned to Afghanistan three, four, even five times in the dozen years the army has been involved in trying to stabilize the fractured nation.

During the ceremony, dignitaries — Canadian and allied alike — praised the country's involvement and sacrifices.

The country's top military commander, Gen. Tom Lawson, spoke about how the government will rally around its veterans now that they're home.

The war cost the lives of 158 soldiers, one diplomat, one journalist and two civilian contractors.

Canadian commandos, hunting al-Qaida, were the first troops to hit the ground in late 2001 and they were followed by as many as 40,000 more rotating through different campaigns, including the five-year combat mission in Kandahar.

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The army takes down the Canadian flag for the last time in Afghanistan on Wednesday, bringing an end to 12 years of military involvement in a campaign that cost the lives of 158 soldiers. MURRAY BREWSTER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marois. We'll keep the loonie

An independent Quebec would want to keep using the Canadian dollar and hopes to have a seat at the Bank of Canada, Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois said Wednesday.

The Quebec economy is in good shape and it would be beneficial to Canada for Quebec to be involved with the dollar and the central bank, Marois said ahead of the April 7 provincial vote.

"We could wish to have a seat at the Bank of Canada but we accept the fact it is the bank's monetary policy that would apply," she said.

In reiterating the PQ's longtime position that Quebec could use the Canadian currency, Marois pointed out that European countries are independent but share the euro.

Marois also promised Wednesday to reduce Quebec's debt to under 50 per cent of gross domestic product by 2018-19. As of March 31, 2014, it was projected to stand at 54.3 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Deadly explosion levels two

Hell up in Harlem.
At least three dead, many others injured after gas leak triggers massive blast

Three people have died after a gas leak caused an explosion Wednesday morning, collapsing two Manhattan buildings, officials said. At least 27 people — including three children — were injured and at least nine individuals are still missing.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration confirmed late Wednesday that officials are still treating two serious, life-threatening injuries and five serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Twenty others suffered minor injuries.

Two of the three deaths are confirmed to be women. Doctors at Mt. Sinai Hospital confirmed that they treated three children from the incident.

De Blasio arrived at the scene in the early afternoon and thanked the first responders, describing it as an incredibly fast response while cautioning that the situation was still developing.

"This is a tragedy of the worst kind because we had no indication so that we could save people," de Blasio said. He declined to give any numbers of how many are missing, but said police had a list of people they are tracking down.

"Suffice it to say that every effort is being expended to locate every one of these individuals," de Blasio said.

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"I thought it was a bomb. It sounded like a bomb. I immediately thought of 9-11. We just saw people running, running, running. It was just a scene from 9-11."

Sandra Suro, who lives nearby on 115th Street and Madison Avenue

Nearby residents react

'It blew me out of my bed'

Nearby residents were literally shaken up by the explosion and building collapse that rocked Harlem Wednesday morning, and they described the scene to Metro.

"It blew me out of my bed," said Jay Virgo, 30, who lives in a building across the street. Virgo said she saw four or five people lying on the ground outside looking "lifeless."

Joseph Thomas said, "It took out the windows and there was stuff flying around in the air. It shook the whole building like a bomb."

Reinaldo Rosario, 48, was waiting to hear about his girlfriend's brother, who lived in the building that collapsed.

"I'm shaking," he said.

A member of the NYPD gestures as emergency personnel respond.
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"(The explosion) was loud. I thought it was our building because the building shook."

Even Molley Mills, 45, said she looked outside and saw smoke billowing in the air.

"The helicopters turned up and sirens were going everywhere — it was just crazy," she said. ANDREA PARK/METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

New York firefighters respond to a five-alarm fire and building collapse in the Harlem before the two multiple-dwelling buildings collapsed, leaving at least three dead and

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New York buildings

neighbourhood of New York City on Wednesday. Reports say an explosion was heard many injured. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

Hitting home

New Yorkers hear echoes of Sept. 11 in Harlem blast

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Since a pair of apartment buildings exploded in East Harlem Wednesday morning, everyone Metro New York reporter Anna Sanders has talked to has said it's brought up a lot of their fears related to Sept. 11, 2001.

Sanders said the explosion wasn't related to terrorism, but before people knew that, there was chaos in the area. "People were running, crying," she said. "There was smoke everywhere and no one knew what was happening."

"As you can imagine, any time this happens in New York City, people think back to 9-11," she said. "At least two people's lives were lost and that's tragic in and of itself. This isn't the scale of 9-11, but it obviously hits home in the city because of Sept. 11."

Sanders arrived at the site about an hour-and-a-half after the explosion on Wednesday morning, after making calls to find out what had happened.

"I was about a block away," she said. "I saw a lot of smoke. It was very chaotic. There were a lot of first responders trying to battle the fire still."

Sanders described the neighbourhood where the buildings exploded — East Harlem, or Spanish Harlem — as a nice place where local residents tend to have ties to the community.

Flight MH370. Satellite images show suspected debris from missing plane

Satellite images on a Chinese government website show suspected debris from the missing Malaysia Airliner jetliner floating off the southern tip of Vietnam, China's Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

The revelation could provide searchers with a focus that has eluded them since the plane disappeared with 239 people aboard early Saturday.

The report said the images from around 11 a.m. on Sunday appear to show "three suspected floating objects" of varying sizes, the largest about 24 metres by 22 metres.

The report includes co-ordinates of a location in the sea off the southern tip of Vietnam. The images originally were posted on a national defence technology website.

The search for the plane, which left Kuala Lumpur for Beijing before disappearing early Saturday, has encompassed 92,600 square kilometres of Southeast Asia and on Wednesday expanded toward India.

It was also revealed Wednesday that the last message from the cockpit of the missing flight was routine: "All right, good night" was the signoff transmitted to air traffic controllers five days ago.

Then the Boeing 777 vanished as it cruised over the South China Sea toward Vietnam, and nothing has been seen or heard of the jetliner since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Indonesian National Search and Rescue Agency performs a search for the missing Malaysia Airlines plane off Sumatra Island on Wednesday. HERI JUANDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Housing market overheated?

Report. Economist goes against the grain, claiming current house prices are fairly valued, or even undervalued

A new report into Canada's hot housing market is trying to calm fears of a coming collapse in prices, saying the biggest threat to home valuations may be government meddling with mortgage rules.

The paper by economist Will Dunning, who runs a real-estate market research firm in Toronto, says Canadians have been mostly prudent investors in housing and that the market can absorb either higher prices or a one per cent hike in interest rates.

Rather than being overvalued, house prices in Canada are fairly valued and may even be undervalued, he says.

The paper was released Wednesday on the same day the Teranet-National Bank composite price index rose to a new all-time high, showing home prices in Canada increased 0.3 per cent in February. Last year, the OECD declared Canada's housing market the "most overvalued" in the world after noting that the price-to-rent ratio had ballooned to 88 per cent above the historic average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Begs to differ

- The Bank of Canada and the government have warned about an overheated housing market for several years, arguing that once interest rates start rising, the roof will cave in for some home buyers.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has also pointed to Canada as having the world's most overvalued housing market.

The tipping point on tips?

A Starbucks payment app is shown on a smartphone. The coffee chain will soon let customers leave tips with its mobile-payment app. The mobile tipping option will be available on its updated app for iPhones starting March 19 at some U.S. locations. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FTC puts Herbalife on notice in U.S.

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The nutrition and supplement company said Wednesday that it received the civil investigative demand from the FTC on Wednesday. A representative from the FTC was not immediately available to comment.

Herbalife says it welcomes the inquiry, noting a "tremendous amount of misinformation in the marketplace" about its business. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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What does it mean to be a bachelor?

I've always considered myself a bachelor, from the tip of my cowlick to the bottom of my mismatched socks. Yet I've had a girlfriend for months now.

Must I turn in my bachelor's card? Am I something else now?

I refuse to believe that. To me, bachelorhood is so much more than whether I'm dating. What would that mean for my lack of cooking, my avoidance of cleaning my apartment, my inability to plan?

I'm not just the person I date; I'm all the things I don't do, too.

Being a bachelor is a state of mind. Some might argue that state of mind is "lazy jackass," but you can be a very nice bachelor, no matter what TV's The Bachelor might teach us.

It's about being comfortable with who we are. It's about accepting that we will always screw up the laundry, the date, the meal. Because if we didn't accept it with a grin, we'd go mad.

While ruminating on this definition of bachelor, it occurred to me that there are many bachelorhood terms and slang that help define the world we live in. I then created a list of definitions so that you might understand me and my people.

Earning Your Bachelor's Degree: A Bachelorhood Glossary

Bache-lor: Superhero known for his Blu-ray vision, imperviousness to mould, and ability to read entire Calvin and Hobbes collections during a single toilet sitting.

Bachelor-hood: A community within a city that has curbside garbage comprised of at least 90 per cent pizza boxes.

Bachelor party:

1) Four or more bachelors on one couch playing Xbox.

2) A party for an engaged man whose friends attempt to show him the worst, most abusive time possible, often in preparation for what his marriage will be like.

Bachelor shower:

1) Applying deodorant or cologne in lieu of a shower.

2) Taking an actual shower for approximately 40 minutes until the water runs cold and the bathroom is steamier than a Shannon Tweed VHS intro.

Bathroom: Room for building online-dating photo portfolio.

Bed-making: Something done once, usually with an Allen key.

Bedroom: Walk-in hamper.

Carpet: Bache-lor's greatest enemy, absorber of stains and hurler of vicious static electricity.

Confirmed bachelor: Guy you can clearly see is wearing two different socks.

Diet: Only using half the icing on a Toaster Strudel.

Home cooking: Take-out from any restaurant within 500 metres of where you live.

Kitchen: Hallway to garbage can.

Muffin top: The laundry at the top of the hamper that pours out of the top and gets washed repeatedly, as opposed to the Muffin stem of clothes that sits at the bottom of the hamper for all eternity.

Snow (also 'base' or 'wacky dust'): Street slang for Carnation Instant Breakfast Powder Drink Mix.

Spring cleaning: Taking the Slinky into the shower.

And that's my small window into the world of the bachelor, whether he's single or not. Speaking of which: If you see my girlfriend, tell her I've been thinking about her while I work on my definition.

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Getting to the heart of it

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Avatar
In computing terms, an avatar is a graphical representation of a user's alter ego, usually used in virtual world games or Internet forums.

Trolling
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Polley helping Seagull soar

Anton Chekhov play. Producer and actress Rena has brought together an unusual cast and has put another Chekhov's technique into practice

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The cast of Seagull in action at the Berkley Street Theatre. The play runs March 7 through March 23 . CONTRIBUTED

Take one nineteenth century play, cast an ensemble using an obscure acting technique and toss in a production team with zero theatre experience. What could go wrong?

Surprisingly, nothing. At least that's the line producer and actress Rena Polley is taking on the eve of the show's premiere. "I knew they had the talent," she says of her inexperienced crew. "They're at the top of their game. It was a gift to get them."

The play in question is The Seagull, an ensemble piece written by Anton Chekhov that pits the romantic and artistic goals of its four main characters against one another. But like the play's character Konstantin Treplyov, Polley wasn't satisfied with the expected norms of performance.

A student of the Michael Chekhov approach to acting, Polley decided to put the famous Russian actor's technique into practice, using his uncle's famous play as her vehicle. "I thought, 'I've been studying it, let's put it into practice and see how far we can take it.'"

The Chekhov technique is a psychophysical approach to acting she explains. Unlike the well-known method technique, where you use things from your life, Chekhov focuses on individual creativity and the imagination. "You separate the individual from the artist and you cross the threshold into a higher art-form."

To add another layer of unpredictability to the performance, Polley brought in a crew who had experienced great success in the fashion, film and music worlds, but none in the theatre. "All of them had a bit of a learning curve," she admits, but the switch caused few major problems."

Regardless of their pedigree everyone involved was paid $1000 for their efforts. "Hopefully, I've made it enjoyable for everyone because if you don't have fun and enjoy it, what's the point?"

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Prior to hooking up with Polley, few in the cast were familiar with the Chekhov technique. She worked with them for a year in order to prepare them for this show. In the final three weeks leading up to performances, they were handed off to director Peggy Coffey. "We couldn't have done it if we hadn't been a very strong collective," says Polley. A true ensemble, there is no lead character in Chekhov's play. Polley even tried to cut a character out for her production, but to no avail. "We all carry each other."

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No Bad Words from Jason Bateman

Directorial debut. Perpetual nice guy actor talks about the good parts of starring in a film he directs

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For his directorial debut, Jason Bateman puts some pretty terrible words in his mouth as Guy Trilby, a grown-up spelling bee contestant making life difficult for his tween-aged competitors with some truly withering insults. That coarseness was something Bateman didn't want to shy away from.

"No one needs to see another PG spelling bee movie. We've seen those," he says with a laugh.

"Or another heartwarming tale about an adult befriending a child or vice versa. There's a bunch of great movies that have done that and I didn't want to do another one of those."

Luckily Bateman had an ace in the hole to avoid things getting too dark: himself.

Known more for playing the nice guy, Bateman as an actor has a decent amount of goodwill built up with audiences on which to rely.

"I wasn't afraid about pushing the envelope as far as possible because I knew that I'd be playing the character, and I was somewhat confident that I would be able to play him in a way where you would excuse his behaviour," Bateman says.

"Or at least I knew that would be a nice challenge for me. I don't know whether I hit the target, it's not for me to say.

"But I do like that I was increasing my odds of hitting that narrow target and managing that very specific tone by being able to have a huge presence on camera as well as behind the camera."

Surprisingly though, Jason Bateman the actor was not Jason Bateman the director's first choice for Bad Words, but he eventually managed to talk himself into it.

"I went after some pretty big actors, some heroes of mine to play the part, and they were either too busy or not interested," he admits.

"Then I thought, maybe I should play the part because it's actually going to end up being a little easier. For better or worse, every single take is going to be exactly the way that I want it.

"You have no idea how long it takes sometimes for a director and an actor to get on the same page while the whole crew waits before you can roll."

But while that lack of debate and discussion with a lead actor saved time and made things easier, wearing both hats did prove logistically challenging in other ways.

"As a director, traditionally you can sit there [at the monitor] and you can know exactly what you're getting as you're getting it. I didn't have that perspective, so I wasn't able to see that," he says.

"We had to adjust our process a little bit where we would rehearse a lot more with my stand-in in there so I could see what the camera was seeing. Then once I was satisfied that everybody was doing it the way I thought that it needed to be done, then I went in front of the camera.

"And then after a couple of takes I would go and watch playback. If you watch every take in playback, by definition you've doubled your time in the day, so I couldn't do that. I had to be judicious with that."

Jason Bateman directs and stars in Bad Words, which opens next Friday.
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"You have no idea how long it takes sometimes for a director and an actor to get on the same page while the whole crew waits before you can roll."

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Lady Gaga gets monster claws into SXSW

Lady Gaga walks down a street in Austin, Texas, early Wednesday during the SXSW 2014 Music Festival. No one creates a spectacle quite like Lady Gaga, and she's got her monster claws all over two days of the conference. She'll perform at the relatively intimate Stubb's on Thursday night before giving a keynote speech Friday morning. It's been a tough year for the pop provocateur, and SXSW offers her a chance to restart the conversation. JAY JANNER/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SXSW

Coldplay debuts new songs from Ghost Stories

Same Coldplay, different day. More than a year after they last touched down upon North American soil, Chris Martin and his amiable band of anthem merchants chose the South by Southwest festival for the first big coming-out party in support of their forthcoming sixth album, Ghost Stories.

Actually, the party itself wasn't that big, taking place as it did in Austin City Limits' relatively tight, 2,750-capacity Moody Theatre. Its reach was gigantic, however, since Coldplay's SXSW set was streamed live in real time around the planet as the climax of the first of five iTunes Festival shows going down in Austin this week.

Other intimate iTunes gigs at the Moody — Kendrick Lamar on Wednesday, Soundgarden on Thursday, Pitbull (yes, Pitbull) on Friday and Keith Urban and Willie Nelson on Saturday — are to follow, each easily accessible online to those not fortunate enough to be in Texas for the SXSW marathon.

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Neil Young takes on iPod with Pono

SXSW. Canadian rock titan touts his upcoming iPod rival with a heartfelt plea for music as its creators want it heard

Neil Young speaking at the SXSW 2014 Music Festival in Austin, Texas, Tuesday. JAY JANNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neil Young might have come to South by Southwest flogging a product like everyone else, but at least he flogged it passionately.

The 68-year-old expat-Canadian rock legend spoke before a packed event hall at the Austin Convention Centre on the cusp between the SXSW Interactive conference and the SXSW music festival ostensibly to plug the high-fidelity Pono music device he's been threatening us with for nearly three years now. It's now aimed for an October release with an expected retail price of $399.

Really, though, his speech was a heartfelt plea for a return to proper audio fidelity in an age where music has been squashed dynamically, chopped into bite-sized form and cheapened as a recorded commodity by the dominant MP3 format.

All the audience got a glimpse of were some projected stock pictures of the gadget and a couple more that Young briefly waved from his pockets onstage — for the record, the Pono looks rather like a second-generation iPod Nano thickened out into a stand-up, triangular shape.

However, if the thing does what Young says it does, it could be the portable digital player that audiophiles have been yearning for years.

He certainly managed to rally a list of rock royals that included Bruce Springsteen, Jack White, Dave Grohl, Arcade Fire, Duane Eddy and many others to provide awed video testimony of the system's power in a reel that ran midway through his session.

The proof will come, as they say, in the pudding, and if you'd like to get your fingers in that pudding, there's a Kickstarter campaign that, by Wednesday morning, had already surpassed its $800,000 goal — in under 24 hours — by more than $500,000.

For now, though, Young's quest to bring vinyl-quality sound to a generation of music consumers accustomed to listening to thin MP3 files through laptop speakers and earbuds "that look like lozenges," as he put it, seems heartfelt, even if he's got a tough battle ahead of him in unseating the iPod as the dominant portable music machine.

"If it's a success or it isn't a success, music wins," he said. "Because it's available. It's freedom of choice."

Whether or not Pono delivers what it promises — which is to play back audio files at the studio-quality resolution the artist originally intended, up to and including a whopping 9,216 kilobits per second versus the iTunes/industry standard of 256 kbps — one could at least feel the ache in Young's voice when he talked about how kids being raised in the digital age aren't properly "nourished" by three-dimensional sound.

"The human body is so sensitive ... when it sees great art, it feels good. (So) with our music, we were deprived and we started getting very little, a minuscule 1/20th of what we listened to."

In a roundabout way, Young conceded that the Pono and its accompanying iTunes-esque delivery service might be strictly for the serious audiophile. But he touched a definite nerve with the SXSW crowd when he lamented that the rise of the MP3 and the one-off digital single had done irreparable damage to rock 'n' roll's veneration of the album as a sacred form.

Quest for quality

"They can identify the name of the song and they can learn the melody from listening to it, but inside their souls they're just not getting what we got because there's just nothing there for them."

Neil Young,
says of kids being raised in the digital age

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50 Shades. He's got a wife, baby, likes surfing, Irish ditties: Co-star sheds light on mystery man who plays Mr. Grey

Since being cast in the film adaptation of Fifty Shades of Grey, Jamie Dornan, who plays the S&M-loving billionaire Christian Grey, has largely stayed out of the public eye.

Aside from being spotted on the streets of Vancouver while filming the movie, the 31-year-old Dornan hasn't walked any red carpets or really talked about the role.

He did tweet on Jan. 1 from his official account, "looking forward to 2015," which hinted at the film's scheduled release next February. (That tweet was retweeted more than 5,000 times.)

This aura of mystery surrounding Dornan is a good thing, says Marcia Gay Harden, who plays his character's mother in the film.

"I think the point is to have somebody mysterious because if you have somebody with too much pedigree to them ... you can't stop thinking about the pedigree. You just can't. It's almost impossible in a film to do that. ... I think that would be very hard to do for that role, so I think it's good that he's a bit of a mystery."

Jamie Dornan has been keeping it lo-pro since he was cast as billionaire S&M connoisseur Christian Grey. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Dornan had a recurring role on ABC's Once Upon a Time and starred in the Irish TV drama series The Fall as a serial killer who targets women. The show was renewed for a second season.

So, what can she share about him?

"He's beautiful. He's chiseled beauty and the camera eats it up. He's an Irish boy. ... A U.K.-based actor who has done a bit of film. He just had a baby (with wife Amelia Warner). ... He's a sweet guy. He does surfing. He sings little Irish ditties occasionally," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'Reality-ish television'

Alan Thicke series coming to Slice

Canadian actor Alan Thicke returns to TV in April as a real-life dad.

The former star of Growing Pains, in which he played family patriarch Dr. Jason Seaver, will debut Unusually Thicke on April 16 at 10 p.m. on Slice.

Unusually Thicke will focus on Thicke, 67, his wife Tanya, described as "a Bolivian beauty who's nearly half his age," and his three sons: "a teenager, a pop star and a marijuana dispenser."

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Hall of Fame. In defence of Jay Leno: Bill Maher

Bill Maher took advantage of pal Jay Leno's Television Academy Hall of Fame induction to offer a spirited attack on what Maher called undeserved "bad publicity" for the former Tonight Show host.

Introducing Leno at Tuesday night's ceremony, Maher said his behaviour never warranted the brickbats tossed at him over Conan O'Brien's short-lived tenure as Tonight Show host.

The media helped fan the myth that Leno "stole Conan's dream" when NBC brought Leno back to host Tonight after the show's ratings dropped in 2009 with O'Brien at the helm.

Maher, host of HBO's Real Time, used an expletive to dismiss the idea that such a theft is possible, then offered himself as a tongue-in-cheek example: He claimed that Tom Cruise robbed him of the starring role in Top Gun.

Leno's reputation among critics as a bland host compared with supposedly "edgy" predecessor Johnny Carson also is a falsehood, Maher said, and called Leno suited to his time just as Carson was when he hosted Tonight.

Bill Maher speaks on stage at the 2014 Television Academy Hall of Fame in Beverly Hills, Calif.
FRANK MICELOTTA/INVISION

After Maher's introduction, Leno's remarks proved mild. Repeating assertions he made when he ended his 22-year tenure as host in February, Leno, 63, said it was the right time to turn Tonight over to the younger Jimmy Fallon, who is 39.

Leno said he watches Fallon's show, and the two talk a couple of times a week.

"He's terrific. He brings a new energy," Leno said before the ceremony. "I think he was smart to take it to New York, get a different vibe."

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Angelina Jolie PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Six kids later, Angelina Jolie is finally taking up cooking

With six kids at home, it might come as a surprise to learn that Angelina Jolie is only now learning how to cook, but there you go. "Angelina took her first cooking class last year. Her lack of cooking abilities was really getting to her, but she's finding cooking has become a great therapeutic exercise," a source tells Radar Online. "Angelina gets a kick out of feeding her kids herself and loves the creative side of it, although she admits she's not quite at that stage where she's confident enough to go 'off recipe' and experiment. But she's working on getting there." So where does a globe-trotting Oscar winner go for cooking lessons? Why, to Munawar Hosain, a member of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, who has reportedly been giving Jolie regular lessons in preparing Indian dishes at his Beverly Hills home. "Angelina absolutely loves the hands-on instruction," the source says.

Chris Pine to face drunk driving charges in NZ

Chris Pine, known for playing Captain Kirk in the Star Trek movies, has been charged with drunken driving in New Zealand. The 33-year-old American is due to make his first court appearance in the case on Monday, court officials said Wednesday. New Zealand Police said in a statement that a 33-year-old American was charged March 1 with driving with a blood-alcohol level over the legal limit, which in New Zealand is .08 per cent. Police did not name the man, but said he was stopped during a routine early-morning check near the South Island town of Methven. Pine has been in New Zealand filming the movie Z for Zachariah, which is due for release next year.

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The Word

A glimpse into Lohan's little black book

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York

Max George. Heath Ledger. Jamie Dornan. Zac Efron. Justin Timberlake.

All these and more are notches in Lindsay Lohan's bedpost, according to In Touch. Reportedly, Lindsay was hanging out with some friends at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Jan. 30 when she grabbed a pen and started jotting down names — most of whom were very famous and very handsome. "It was her personal conquest list," says a witness. "She was trying to impress her friends with the list and then tossed it aside."

Apparently, in between stints in jail and rehab, Lindsay found plenty of time for amour. The list, which contains at least 36 names, also includes such celebs as J. Phoenix (Joaquin, is that you?), Lukas Haas, Evan Peters, Wilmer Valderrama, Colin Farrell, James Franco, Adam Levine and Garret Hedlund.

I have my doubts about this. Lindsay has mostly been a mess these last few years; it doesn't seem likely that she could have kept these high-status hookups this quiet for this long. (You don't think she would have drunkenly screamed "I hit that" whenever a Justin Timberlake song came on in the club? Because I would have.)

I hope it's true, though, because first of all you go, girl; second of all, almost half the list is blurred out, which suggests there are even bigger, more scandalous hookups on there that we have yet to learn about.

Naomi Campbell

Done with the diva life? Naomi Campbell wants to be a mom

Naomi Campbell is ready to be a mom, and she doesn't mind going it alone. "I do want to have children, whether I have a man or not. I will have it on my own," the supermodel told designer Diane von Furstenberg during a SiriusXM Radio chat recently. Campbell, who broke up with billionaire Vladimir Doronin nearly a year ago, also revealed she was infertile until very recently. "I was not able to have children up until March," she said. "Now it's in God's hands. I would love to have a family."

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She's got unblurred ambition

You know she wants this. Model and actress Emily Ratajkowski chats about balancing her silver screen acting ambitions with putting money in the bank

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

You'll know Emily Ratajkowski as the bodacious beauty from Robin Thicke's Blurred Lines video. She's all nubile flirtation — no top, nude panties, white sneakers and rouged lips temptingly parted — meets wide-eyed pseudo-innocence, playfully skipping and bouncing to the beat.

We watched, gyrated and leered. It was the music world's Fifty Shades of Grey, dividing opinion over its social acceptability: ban it versus give me more. The polarization of opinion is irrelevant; although we all had something to say on the subject, it brought one girl originally cast as a back-up dancer to the fore.

That said, the line between Ratajkowski's current image as sexpot eye candy is at odds with her "Martin Scorsese" acting ambitions. She intends to blur the boundaries between two incongruous worlds through what she refers to as "balance" between the commercial (read: cash-paying) roles and creative career-progressing endeavors.

She has a clear mission statement, but it's one that could be difficult to implement when you consider that she's a YouTube beauty to the tune of more than 276 million views, and now surely commands considerable buck to boogie. It will depend on the success of her upcoming role in director David Fincher's Gone Girl as to whether Ratajkowski can escape that lucrative but vapid music video dance sphere.

Don't be fooled by her fawn-like appearance. Behind the big brown eyes and ditzy dancing is a girl who, in her words, "is looking to surprise people."
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Hey, hey, hey!

"For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

Initially, the 22-year-old was reluctant to be cast in the video.

"Naked girls dancing around in a music video sounded pretty intense and I didn't want to be pigeonholed as a music video girl after shooting with Maroon 5 in Love Somebody," she says.

It was the video's director who convinced the young model to accept the job, while Thicke, a married man in his mid-30s, took the brunt of the negative barrage for the video's sexist undertones.

Ratajkowski, the current face of fashion retail site Revolve, is keen to avoid being typecast as a gushing airhead despite appearing in the 2014 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

"I'm definitely not into that swimsuit model vibe. I like the ballet and I like to see female porn films — I'm a little different in that way, I guess," she asserts.

The British-born model is aware that her topless cavorting could strike discord with Hollywood directors. But as she rightly points out on being cast as Ben Affleck's mistress Andie in Gone Girl, due out this October: "When you're working with director David Fincher [The Social Network, 2010, and The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, 2011] people definitely do take you seriously." She adds: "I'm doing Sports Illustrated but I'm also appearing in the Spanish fashion magazine S Moda. For every sexy thing, I want to do a fashion thing. For every modeling job, I want to do a serious acting role."

Of course, the pigeonholing might well be something that she has to contend with for the meantime. However, it makes sense for her to make the break from being desktop dance star to silver screen sensation in order to certify her as a serious acting talent. "I want to establish myself [in the industry] and there are a few things that'll be announced in the next few months that will balance everything out," she says.

The modeling profession wasn't always receptive to Ratajkowski's plans to break into acting — a dream she's had since childhood.

"I told an agency in New York my goals and they said it was only a select group of girls that have that opportunity," she explains.

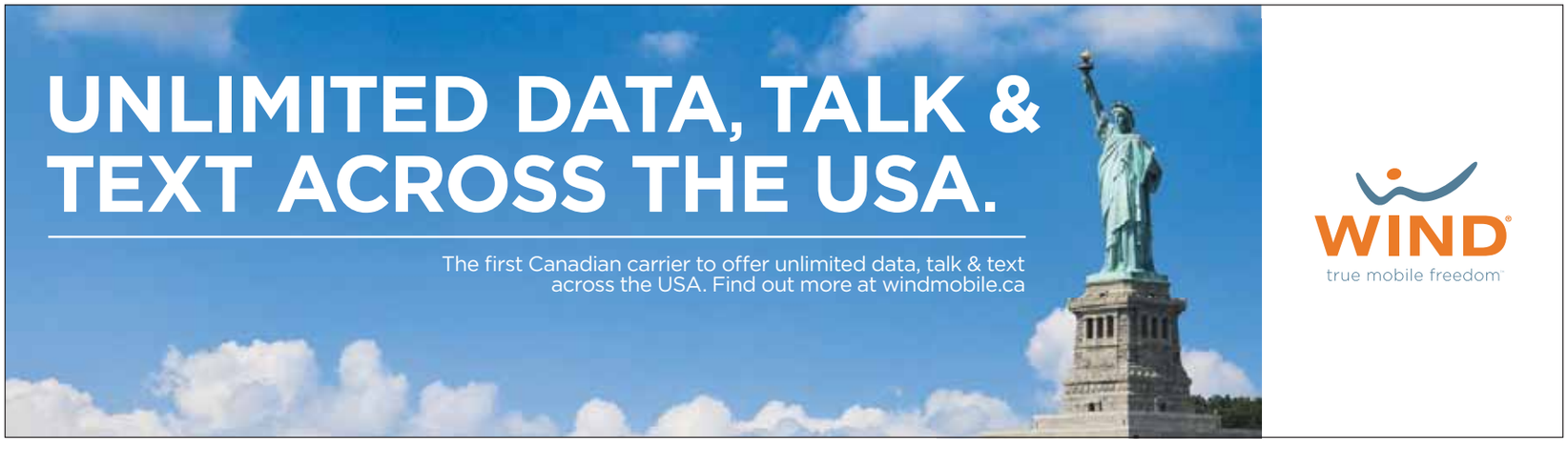
The timing of the Fincher film might be fortuitous but it seems doubtful that this is the case of a pretty wallflower seizing her 15 minutes of fame.

For her part, Ratajkowski makes it sound like she's always had a career game plan and it doesn't involve selling out for questionable success. "Throughout my childhood I acted, so it was always something I felt passionate about — I just really didn't want to play the mean girl in high school or the cheerleader," she says.

The tough and the topless

The model and her family have the final word on the controversial Ratajkowski (pronounced 'rat-a-COW-ski' — the 'j' is silent) phenomenon.

- When asked what her mother, a feminist and English professor, thought of the Blurred Lines video, she replies, "She thinks it's beautiful and important for women to embrace their sexuality."
- Ratajkowski describes the word feminist as "testy", saying, "People connect a lot of strange things to that word. In general, I really love women and I want them to be treated equally." She continues: "I think some people have a problem with a model, who's done nude work, using the word feminist but I have no problems with saying it."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A model walks the runway in the Rudsak show as part of last year's Toronto Fashion Week in Toronto.
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While many winter-weary Canadians are more than ready to ditch their parkas, tuques and boots, at least one segment of the population isn't quite ready to give chilly-weather styles the cold shoulder.

Canadian designers will unveil fresh fashions for fall and winter at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week beginning on Monday. The semi-annual showcase will offer a fashionable flash-forward to styles set to land in stores later this year.

Day 1 will feature some of the most buzz-worthy labels on the homegrown scene, with Mikhael Kale, VAWK by Sunny Fong, sibling design duo Chloe and Parris Gordon of Beaufille, John Muscat and Jennifer Wells of LINE Knitwear and Alberta-born, Toronto-based Sid Neigum.

A look at the latest

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And not unlike the emergence of new fashions, the calendar is undergoing a facelift with up-and-coming talents and other new additions poised to present their latest lines.

Longtime Toronto-based designer Farley Chatto and Dutch-bred retailer gsus sindustries are returning to the Fashion Week fold after several seasons away from the Toronto runway. Montreal-based designers Claudette Floyd, Helmer Joseph and Brit Wacher, Vancouver-based ready-to-wear label Madame Moje and Toronto-based emerging menswear label Outclass are among those set to unveil collections.

Returning Fashion Week fixtures include womenswear labels Stephan Caras, David Dixon, Melissa Nepton and Pink Tartan, men's sportswear label Bustle, leather goods retailer Rudsak and affordable apparel brand Joe Fresh.

"It's always important to have a good mix because the established brands help bring more attention to the event and the emerging designers help to bring a look at what is the future," said Jarrad Clark, global creative director of IMG Fashion Events & Properties, whose organization spearheads World MasterCard Fashion Week.

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Trends Report

Wouldn't you love a dress that could slim out your silhouette? Go online to Trends Report to see the Chanel outfit actress Keira Knightley wore at a Paris fashion show this month that had the media buzzing about her ultra slim waist.

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Photo: Getty Images

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Esther Jiron

Age: 28

Occupation: HR Generalist

What she's wearing:
French Connection jacket, faux fur collar from Aritzia, Marc Jacobs purse, Zara jeans and Nike high tops.

Her inspiration:
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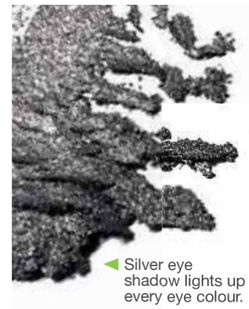

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Legal Matters

Real estate and power of attorney

I am scheduled to close the purchase of a new condo and it happens to coincide with my annual vacation overseas. The lawyer acting on my behalf has stated that the documents will not be ready to sign before I leave and it has been suggested that I put a power of attorney in place so that someone can sign on my behalf in my absence. What is involved in this process?

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Powers of attorney give someone other than yourself the ability to sign binding documents in your absence. In the case of a real estate transaction, it would be the title documents transferring the ownership into your own name.

However, there are some things that you need to do before you go ahead and use a power of attorney in a real estate transaction:

1. You need to get your financial institution to agree to the use of a power of attorney in writing. Many banks have stopped allowing powers of attorney to be used and want the client to attend at their lawyer's office in person, because of the increase in identity theft.

2. Typically, you would also need the agreement of the builder to use the power of attorney in writing.

3. Your lawyer should be involved in the drafting and execution of the power of attorney for identity purposes so that exterior suppliers to the transaction, such as title insurers, are satisfied as to the identity of the purchaser.

Certainly the use of powers of attorney in real estate transactions has been severely curtailed in recent years because of fraud in real estate transactions. Make sure you can use this document before you go off on your vacation.

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Creating room in city for young families

Next challenge. Transit congestion and housing demands mean shift in focus, expert says

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One of the most respected voices in the real estate industry, Barry Lyon is the founder of N. Barry Lyon Consultants (NBLC). Over a 30-year span, Lyons' team has been involved in urban planning, market research and financial analysis. He stresses that the number one challenge facing Toronto's planners and builders today is transit congestion.

"That's one of the major drivers behind the tsunami of young people moving into the downtown Toronto area, a lot of that is about not wanting to commute," says Lyon.

There has been much ballyhoo regarding recent transit announcements, initiatives to extend subway and GO train service to outlying areas. Lyons reminds us that these projects are many years away. The question is, how do we manage the city's burgeoning growth and densification in the meantime? "I think we've all been focused for the past few years on transit but what we need to realize is that the new transit lines that we're talking about, they're 10 to 20 years away."

Lyon sees Toronto's condo and rentals market loosening up this year as a result of new inventory coming to market. "The challenge that developers, planners, architects and the public have is placing housing closer to jobs and vice versa. And what that means is in part, I say it's going to be a buyers' market overall this coming year, especially for apartment rentals and condos and to a lesser extent town-housing."

Lyon is seeing more of a normalization of the GTA condo market and considers that a positive development. "Up to this point there's been so much demand that they were going flat out and not able to learn from previous mistakes and from the market because things were just happening too quickly," he says.

Lyon sees a challenge for downtown builders to accommodate growing young families. "We've got to create some room for evolving housing in the inner-city, specifically, what happens to that young person or young couple who are now working downtown, and along comes a child, now what do you do?"

"I think that there's a desirable side effect of a normalizing market and that is that we'll all have a chance now to sit back and think about what we need going forward, and one of those needs is going to be suitable housing for young families who don't want to move out to the fringes of 905 to raise their families."

Suitable housing for people who want to raise kids in the city

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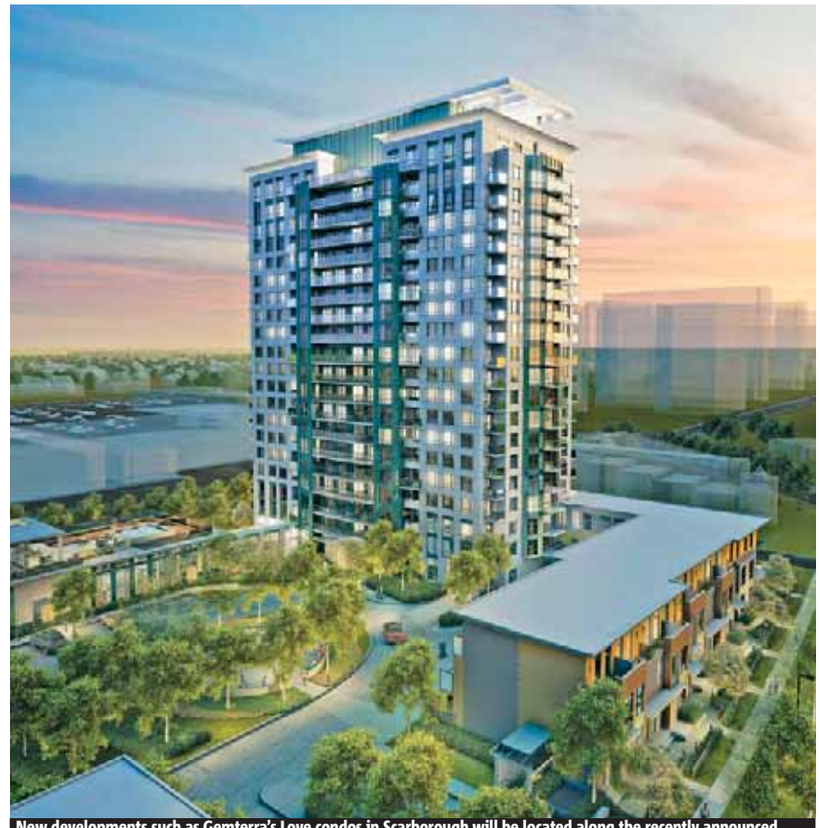
Real estate consultant Barry Lyon



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Those of you looking to renovate your home or condo this year will be pleased to know that our popular Destination Renovation booth is back for another year.

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What's hot on the condo market

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2. Home Show

The National Home Show and Canada Blooms have everything under one roof for your condo. Visit the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place, 100 Princes' Blvd., March 14 to 23.

CONTACT: 416-263-3000, NATIONALHOMESHOW.COM

3. Design on film

The Toronto Society of Architects presents two films with insights into the role of design in architecture. Head on over to the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema at 506 Bloor St. W., at Bathurst. March 13 starting at 6:30 p.m.

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5 mistakes that can ruin your reno

Get your house in order.
Avoid these renovation pitfalls to save time, money and your sanity

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1. Not knowing your resale timeline

Is the space you are renovating a limited investment or will you be living in this home for the rest of your life? That influences the amount of time, customization and money you should spend.

A first-time purchaser of a studio-sized condo will most likely only live in it for two to five years before they sell up, so spending a lot of money on things they can't take with them is not a smart idea. A family with school-age children will most likely settle in a home for five to 10 years before thinking of reselling.

For places you will own short-term, spending less than 10 per cent of your home's value on renovations will ensure a good return on the investment. I suggest spending your money on quality items you can take with you to your next place. If you plan on staying in one spot for a long time, invest in renovations that help you enjoy the space: Bathrooms, kitchens, family rooms or backyard landscaping are great areas to consider renovating.

2. Hiring a contractor who hasn't worked locally

Hiring a professional contractor who has worked in your local neighbourhood has many advantages:

- It will be easy for your to check references.
- The contractor is familiar with your municipal laws for noise, parking, obtaining permits, etc.
- They know where to grab lunch, shortcuts for driving and local hardware shops for those last-minute items when completing a job.

Always get a least two quotes for the work needed to be done and call at least two references. Always visit at least one reference place (and not the contractor's own home).

3. Not being forthcoming about budgets

When it comes to money, homeowners (and contractors and trades) lose their ability to talk openly about how much is available and how much is needed. Homeowners think if they disclose their budget, the contractor will use it all and then want more. Contractors think if they commit to a price too early that they will not make any money.

Agree upfront on the budget and work in a bonus for the contractor if they come in on time or spend under the estimated amount.

Always have 20 per cent extra saved for additional upgrades and unforeseen costs and ask for a fixed-cost budget from your contractor. This will ensure that the agreed-upon job is completed before the contractor is fully paid.

4. Forgetting about closets and lighting

Two areas often forgotten about in a renovation are a proper lighting plan and well outfitted closets. A contractor often waits for the homeowner to plan this and homeowners assume its the job of the contractor.

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As soon as the closets are drawn on the floor plan, you should start considering how they will be used and what you will need inside of each closet (shelving, rods, lights, drawers, etc.).

Knowing the style, size and weight of each lighting source will allow your contractor to plan your lighting scheme with an electrician. Having the 150 pound chandelier on-hand is the best way to plan on how to wire and hang it.

5. Taking advice from too many people

Quite often homeowners are excited about their upcoming project and tell everyone, resulting in opinions from too many people. This will only drive your support team crazy!

You should find one friend who has been through a similar reno and stick with them as a sounding board. Between yourself, your friend, designer and contractor you will have enough expertise to get the job done. Remember: There can be too many chefs in a kitchen. Thank your uncle, doctor, workmate or distant cousin for their input, but take it all with a grain of salt.

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A Diamond in the rough for Garrison

Garrison Point offers suites and townhouses in five towers. CONTRIBUTED

Meet the condo

- **What.** Garrison Point
- **Builder.** Diamond Corp., Cityzen Development Group, Fernbrook Homes
- **Designer:** Munge Leung
- **Location.** Strachan Avenue and Ordnance Street
- **Website.** garrisonpoint.ca
- **Building.** Five towers with 23, 27, 29, 32 and 49 storeys
- **Sizes.** Phase I: tower suites from 496 to 1,312 sq. ft.; townhomes from 1,269 to 2,256 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** Phase I: $274,900 to more than $1 million
- **Occupancy.** Phase I: February 2017

The project overview

This brand-new master-planned community will be comprised of five towers with condominium suites as well as townhomes. It's being designed with families in mind; a pedestrian foot bridge through the park creates links to and from the Garrison Point community.

Location and transit

To the west is Liberty Village. To the north, King West. The lakeshore is to the south and the downtown core is to the east. Access to the TTC Strachan bus route and minutes to the Gardiner Expressway. Nearby waterfront cycling paths.

In the neighbourhood

There are nearby parks, walking paths, a proposed public pool and local shops. Residents will enjoy the trendy boutiques of nearby Queen West, the restaurants and clubs of King West, the dynamic Ossington strip, BMO Field and the CNE.

Building amenities

The community features a step-down lounge and custom-designed, fully-equipped fitness facility designed by Movement Haus. It will also feature a children's room with activities for kids of all ages as well as a community park and outdoor pool.

Where to keep the keepers

Pottery Barn Kids' Butterfly Art Cable is one temporary way to display children's art. POTTERY BARN KIDS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exhibit ABC. Create a rotating gallery of little ones' masterpieces with these expert tips

It's a conundrum many parents face: What to do with the steady flow of drawings, paintings, collages and more that children bring home from school and camp? Which are the keepers and — besides sticking them up on the refrigerator with magnets — how can you display them creatively?

"They caught me throwing some away, and they were not happy about it," Mandy Rose of Carterville, Ill., said of her three children.

Rose, who loves to decorate her house and writes about it at houseofroseblog.com, decided to combine some of her kids' work with professional pieces and family photos in a montage on her dining room wall. She even commissioned one of the kids to create a finger painting for an eye-catching frame she had bought.

"People always ask, 'Did your kids make that?'" she said. "It's a real conversation starter."

Children's art absolutely has a place in home decor and can add a welcome personal touch, said Esther Sadowsky, owner of Charm & Whimsy, an interior design firm in Jersey City, N.J.

"Sometimes my jaw drops when I see the work of my customers' children," she said. "Children's art displayed in a house — it's a home then."

Arrange art in groupings

Like Rose, she suggests displaying kids' works in art groupings. She often lays out the pieces on the floor so she and her client can visualize how they fit together. "You can make a beautiful arrangement," said Sadowsky, who has a painting she made as a 12-year-old hanging in her own living room.

Rose laid out the items for her "gallery wall" on the floor as well. She snapped photos of various arrangements so she could compare them, and went through her house to find frames in the same colour palette to create cohesion in the grouping.

Sadowsky has sent parents to big box stores or craft stores to buy inexpensive frames. It's possible to find frames with precut mats for a more professional look. Do-it-yourselfers also can use construction paper or foam core to create mats for artwork, she said.

Hang art from a wire

In her children's playroom, Rose strung wire between two hooks and allows the kids to pick and choose what they want to hang up. The setup allows them to highlight favourite paintings and projects until they make something they like better.

Finding a temporary place like that to display work makes sense, agreed Jeffry Cudlin, a professor of curatorial studies and practice at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. He routinely highlights the work of his four-year-old son, Miles, at home to show him that the family values handmade art.

Clip art in an frame

Cudlin uses binder clips to hang Miles' art in an ornate frame that usually hangs in his dining room; the clips mean he can rotate different pieces through the frame for an ever-changing display.

Deciding which pieces to keep long-term can be a challenge, Cudlin said. He looks for work that includes loved ones or commemorates a special event. He routinely frames Miles' work and gives it to family members who are represented in the drawing.

He also finds that he appreciates many of his son's drawings more after he asks questions about them. The art provides insights into how the preschooler views the world, and helps preserve his thoughts, Cudlin said.

"His way of thinking about things — the way he experiences the world — you're not going to get that back," he said.

Cali Sanker, education co-ordinator of the Ohio State University Urban Arts Space in Columbus, recommends saving a child's pieces from various ages to create an artistic record of his or her growth.

"It is not only a special way to reminisce about your child's younger years, but a special way of embracing how much they have grown," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than kids' stuff

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Mix botanical patterns with other prints

- Interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn encourages clients to mix floral patterns with other prints.
- "The floral cottage style of a decade ago was all florals and ribbons," Flynn says. "Anytime I'm dealing with a home occupied by couples arguing over masculine and feminine styles, I'm likely to mix botanicals or florals with classic masculine prints such as gingham, check or plaid."
- That juxtaposition of "classic girly prints with iconic patterns used for men's spaces" creates a modern, gender-neutral room.
- Navy blue prints from Ralph Lauren and John Robshaw, shown at right, make a more gender-neutral statement.

Florals large

New hothouse. Fashion's haute botanicals and flowers spill off the runway and into decor

After years of simple solids and geometric prints, the lowly flower is making a comeback in decor. Floral patterns have been blooming all over fashion runways in recent months, and they are slowly finding their way back into the world of home decorating, too.

It wasn't long ago that any mention of floral upholstery or wallpaper brought back memories of 1980s cabbage roses, flowery Shabby Chic borders stenciled high on bedroom walls, and suburban homes designed to feel like precious cottages swathed in pink and green.

But today's new patterns aren't your grandmother's florals. And they can be a refreshing antidote to the minimalist patterns that have dominated home decorating in recent years.

"It's what we're all craving," says New York-based designer Jon Call, founder of Mr. Call Designs. "It's romance, it's a softness ... and it feels fresh again, because no one has defined it for our generation."

While brands like Laura Ashley delineated the floral look of a generation ago, the new florals have no rules. Which makes them more fun — and more challenging — to use successfully.

Here, Call and two other interior designers — Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, and Brian Patrick Flynn, executive producer of HGTV.com's Spring House series — offer advice on working with this fresh crop of floral patterns.

What size?

"Scale is the most important factor in modernizing the look and feel of florals," says Flynn. He suggests avoiding flowers that are depicted at their actual size. Instead, pick patterns where the flowers are bigger — between 50 per cent and 200 per cent larger than life-size.

Call agrees: He's a fan of using vintage prints in "the largest scale you can find," so that the print's eye-popping size contrasts with its traditional style.

But Call and Burnham also think floral prints can look modern if they're printed on a very small scale, especially if they're used on smaller items like throw pillows.

Where to use it?

Floral patterns can work especially well on sleek, modern pieces of furniture, Burnham says. Rather than choosing a floral sofa that's rounded and tufted, use floral upholstery on a simple sofa with straight, clean lines.

And rather than hanging floral draperies in a bedroom or choosing a floral bedspread, use solid colored fabrics in those locations and then upholster the headboard in a bold, oversize floral.

What colours?

A great pattern can look dated if you pick the wrong colour palette, says Flynn. "Florals with mustard yellow and burgundy palettes instantly feel old and stuffy. To make them fresh and fun, look for those with unexpected colour palettes, such as black and violet or springy greens and punchy pinks. The pattern will keep its classic appeal, but with a youthful update."

Burnham says floral patterns done in just two colours (or in two shades of the same colour) can look more modern than florals that include several colours. And "if you go for something on a crisp white background," she says, it "might read more current than something on a tea-dye that's more muted."

Call's thinks just about any colour can work, though he prefers to steer clear of pinks and purples. "It gets too sweet, too endearing," he says. You have to "be careful with the sentimentality," he says, or you'll lose some of the modern edge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A modern take on florals

"Scale is the most important factor in modernizing the look and feel of florals." Designer Brian Patrick Flynn

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Which patterns to choose?

- Find a floral print that really appeals to you personally, suggests Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burhman Design.
- "Nothing corny, nothing ordinary," she says. You want "something really special."
- You might try "chinoiseries that include figures and florals," Burnham says, "or flora and fauna... That's a way to do it if you're kind of scared of just flowers."
- Another option is choosing a pattern that's more "botanical" than flower-filled.
- "Homeowners with aversions to super-girly florals featuring rosebuds or elaborate petals may find botanicals a better fit," says Brian Patrick Flynn, executive producer of HGTV.com's Spring House series.
- "While floral prints include shapes and silhouettes of actual flowers, botanicals rely more on stems and leaves."
- New York-based designer Jon Call points out that designers like Vivienne Westwood have created digitized, pixilated floral prints that mix traditional and modern style.
- But, he says, even the most classic chintz fabrics can look great in a modern home if they're handmade and high quality.

Brian Patrick Flynn updated this industrial loft kitchen using floral wallpaper from Graham & Brown with modern scale and colors. Flynn says the trick to using florals in fresh new ways is to choose over-scale botanical fabrics rather than traditional florals with small pattern repeats. SARAH DORIO/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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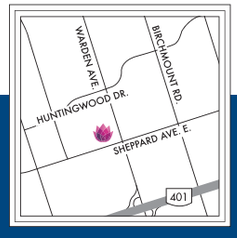

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Lead a rosemary

It's the sill-y season

Grow the scent of summer on your window ledge

Picture a little rosemary tree at your kitchen window, standing there upright and green as if in defiance to the wintry scene beyond the panes.

This little tree offers more than decoration and winter cheer. Pass your hand lightly over the leaves, close your eyes, and the scent will carry you to a sunbaked Mediterranean hillside, the plant's native habitat. Snip off a few leaves for cooking, and your tongue will similarly transport you to milder climes.

Grown as a little tree rather than as a sprawling shrub (its natural inclination), a rosemary plant takes up little sill space and is easy to prune. Here's how to make that tree.

Look who's stalking

To start a trunk, stake one stem and cut back rest

Begin with a small rosemary plant, grown from seed or cuttings, or bought. Choose a naturally upright variety such as Majorca Pink or Salem.

Single out one stem to become the future trunk of your plant, completely removing all stems except for this trunk-to-be at the base of the plant. The most vigorous, upright stem is the obvious candidate. Poke a dowel or thin piece of bamboo into the soil near the base of the plant and tie a piece of soft yarn tightly around the stake, then loosely around the stem.

Your goal in the weeks ahead is to promote elongation and thickening of the trunk-to-be. To that end, keep cutting away any new stems sprouting from the base of the plant. Pinch back to just a few leaves any stems sprouting along the trunk-to-be. Doing so keeps them subordinate but lets them help thicken the trunk.

Give 'em a pinch

Now top that stalk with a bushy head of fragrant leaves

Once the trunk reaches full height, your goals change: You now want to stop growth and create a bushy head. But how high is "full height"? It's all for show, and what looks good depends on how big a head you are going to give the plant and how big a pot the plant will eventually call home. Generally, a head two to three times the height and just slightly more than the width of the pot looks good. Stop growth at the desired height by pinching off the growing tip of the trunk, a simple operation that awakens growth of buds down along the trunk.

Create the bushy head by repeatedly pinching — and thus inducing more branching — the tips of all shoots that sprout from the top few inches of trunk. Now define that head more clearly by completely removing all stems and leaves further down the trunk.

All these prunings need not be wasted, of course. They could be used as flavouring or as cuttings to make yet more plants.

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Extend the flavour

Nips to tuck into

Maintain your little tree by repeatedly nipping back the ends of stems, which keeps your plant compact, neat and elegant, and provides plenty of rosemary leaves for flavouring.

A final tip: The soil must be kept moist. Rosemary's narrow leaves never droop, so your only indication that the plant needs water might otherwise be a dead plant!

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How to shop for plants

Don't let just anyone lead you down the garden-centre path

Garden centres, with their vast collections of plant colours, sizes and shapes, can be intimidating to inexperienced buyers. But you can become a discerning purchaser with a little homework and by quizzing the sales people as you shop.

"Usually, when shopping, I go early before the crowds and also before the staff are worn out," said Jack McKinnon, a garden coach from the San Francisco Bay area. "I like asking questions ... If it is early (in the season), you may learn a lot that puts you ahead of the masses in designs and trends."

The most important factor in plant shopping, however, is the health of the plant, McKinnon said.

How can you tell if a plant is diseased, pest-ridden or beyond its prime?

"Look for any unusual brown, black or grey spotting on the foliage," said Rizaniño (Riz) Reyes, a landscape designer and owner of RHR Horticulture in Shoreline, Wash., a Seattle suburb.

"Any dead sections that are beyond just grooming to make it look good should be avoided," he said.

It's a good idea to check plant roots at the nursery. It's risky to buy plants that are root-bound, too wet or too dry, although that may mean removing them from the pot to examine them.

"If you politely ask a garden centre staff member, any reputable retail centre should stand by their product and allow you to do it, or they may do it for you," Reyes said.

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More tips on how to buy plants like a pro

- **Shop by price and shop the sales.** Find out when new plants are usually delivered and displayed. "Try to have a relationship with the nursery owner or staff," McKinnon said.
- **Bare-root, container grown, or balled and burlapped?** "Bare-root plants have not had a chance to get root-bound in a pot, and you can see what you're buying," McKinnon said. "Both are definite advantages."
- **Work from a plan.** "I recommend having a general list so you avoid too many impulse buys on plants that may not end up getting planted or worse, get forgotten," Reyes said.
- **Annuals vs. perennials:** "Perennials come back and can look great the year-round," Reyes said. "Annuals provide traffic-stopping impact and remarkable colour. You save and have the most incredible garden by integrating both."
- **Buying tropicals and houseplants:** "Take care in transporting these from the store to your vehicle as some may be very sensitive to the cold," Reyes said. "Plant them right away or keep them cool but not frozen. Keep them watered and moist."
- **Choosing bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes:** "Look for plump, firm bulbs," Reyes said. "Usually, the bigger the better. Hardy bulbs like lilies are ready to plant as soon as possible. For dahlias and other tender bulbs, wait until after frost to plant or pot them up and start indoors."

Garden centres can be intimidating, so work from a list and make sure you're buying only healthy plants. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Discover Irish flavours as you sip green beer

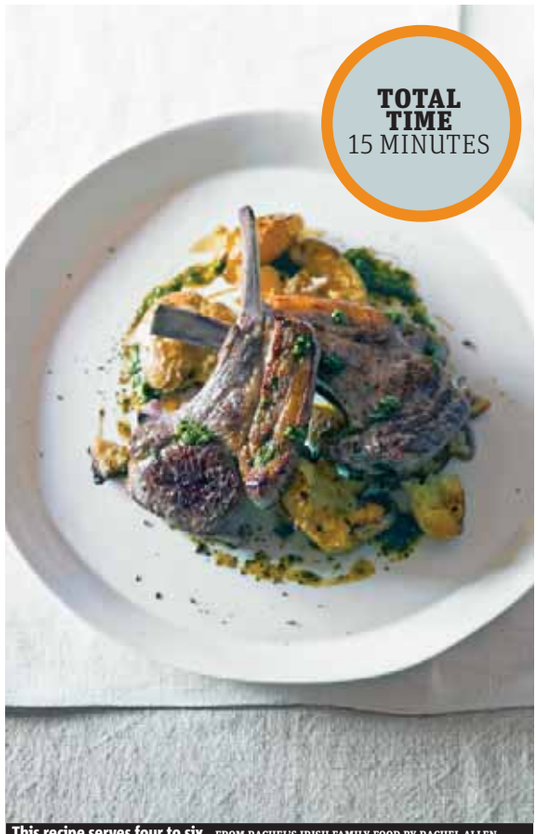
Lamb Chops with Parsley and Mint Sauce. St. Paddy's Day is coming up, so get in the kitchen and try this classic dish

"A parsley and mint sauce is an easy way of adding flavour to lamp chops," writes Rachel Allen in Rachel's Irish Family Food.

"The anchovies give the sauce a wonderful depth that works particularly well with lamb and doesn't taste at all fishy. The mint and parsley bring freshness while the capers give the sauce their own particularly punchy flavour.

"You can make the sauce ahead and it will keep in a jar for up to two weeks in the fridge. Do take it out of the fridge about half an hour or so before serving, to give the flavours a chance to wake up.

"The sauce would also be an excellent accompaniment to grilled steak, roast chicken, or pan-fried mackerel."



This recipe serves four to six. FROM RACHEL'S IRISH FAMILY FOOD BY RACHEL ALLEN (COLLINS, 2013)

Ingredients

- 8-12 lamb loin chops
- 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Parsley and Mint Sauce

- Handful of mint leaves
- 2 handfuls of parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp capers, drained and rinsed
- 8 tinned anchovies
- 6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2-4 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. To make the sauce, combine the herbs, capers, anchovies, olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the lemon juice in a food processor. Whiz for a minute, then add salt and pepper or more lemon juice to taste. If you don't have a food processor you can chop everything finely by hand and mix together.

2. Place a frying pan or griddle pan over high heat. While it is heating, drizzle the lamp chops with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in the hot pan and cook for 2-4 minutes on each side, until just pink in the centre. Serve immediately with a drizzling of the sauce. **RECIPE FROM RACHEL'S IRISH FAMILY FOOD BY RACHEL ALLEN (COLLINS, 2013)**

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Downed but never out

Cross-country skiing. McKeever recovers from a fall to win his second gold medal of the Paralympics

Two hundred metres into the race, Brian McKeever was suddenly on his backside and it appeared his ninth career Paralympic gold medal was slipping away.

But he wasn't letting it go without a fight and the Canmore, Alta., cross-country skier, led by guide Graham Nishikawa of Whitehorse, caught up to the pack to win the men's visually impaired sprint at the Sochi Paralympics on Wednesday.

It's McKeever's second gold of the 2014 Games and the 12th medal of his illustrious Paralympic career. The 34-year-old also won gold in the 20-kilometre event on Monday.

The two Canadians easily advanced to the final, where a Russian skier stepped on McKeever's pole, causing him to crash around the 200-metre mark of the one-kilometre race.

But McKeever scrambled to his feet and, with the help of Nishikawa, caught up to the rest of the pack.

"It wouldn't be right for me to tell you what I said in my head, but once the cuss words were out, the only thing you can do is get back up and race," said McKeever. "I thought we were clear, but that is normal and it happens in sprinting when you are all fighting and tight. Everyone is going flat out. It is intense and everyone is at their limit. We are just fortunate it happened in the first 200 metres and not at the end so we had time to catch up."

Canada has eight medals (two gold, two silver, four bronze) and sits third in the overall tally. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Awaiting a silver medal

Meanwhile, alpine sit-skier Kimberly Joines of Rossland, B.C., finished second in the women's slalom, although the results are still unofficial after a German skier appealed her disqualification from the first run. A decision is expected Thursday morning.

Brian McKeever and his guide Graham Nishikawa win the gold medal in the men's visually impaired one-kilometre sprint at the Paralympic Winter Games on Wednesday in Sochi. MATTHEW MURNAGHAN/CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raptors top pesky Pistons

DeMar DeRozan poured in 25 points to lift Toronto to a 101-87 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday, as the Raptors took another step closer to clinching their first playoff appearance in six years.

Kyle Lowry added 19 points and six assists, while Amir Johnson finished with 20 points and nine rebounds for the Raptors (36-27), who've won 10 of their last 13 games.

The Raptors were coming off a 101-97 loss to the Nets two nights earlier in Brooklyn, a thriller played in a post-season-type atmosphere.

On Wednesday

Raptors	Pistons
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Wednesday's game, by comparison, was a sleepy affair. Toronto, which is in the hunt for its second division title and first playoff appearance since 2008, coughed up double-digit leads a couple of times — including an 18-point third-quarter advantage that the Pistons whittled down to just five — in a game it could have put out of reach far earlier.

The Raptors went into the fourth quarter with a narrow 74-69 lead in front of the 18,247 fans at the Air Canada Centre that braved a snowstorm. They scored the first nine points of the fourth to go up by 14. A wide-open three by Kentavious Caldwell-Pope with 8:23 to go cut the Raptors' lead to nine points, but that was as close as the struggling Pistons would come. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Operation bumped up for Peverley

Rich Peverley will not play again this season after the Dallas Stars forward collapsed on the bench during a game Monday.

One of Peverley's doctors said Wednesday that the 31-year-old will undergo a procedure that was originally planned for after the season. He was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat in training camp. Dr. Robert Dimeff said Peverley's status beyond this season is unknown.

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Let's not make a deal

"We weren't going to force a deal and do things we really didn't believe in just to make a splash."

Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos addressing the lack of moves he has made since the end of last season. Ervin Santana, a pitcher the Jays were reportedly close to signing, was acquired by the Braves on Wednesday.

4 SPORTS

Toronto FC's Nick Hagglund at the MLS SuperDraft in Philadelphia in January. GETTY IMAGES

Hagglund not lagging with Toronto FC

MLS. Rookie defender turning heads early in his professional career

Toronto FC picked Nick Hagglund as one for the future. But the athletic defender from Xavier University has already proved to be a handy asset in the here and now.

With fullbacks Justin Morrow (hip), Bradley Orr (calf) and Mark Bloom (quadriceps) all injured at various times during the pre-season, the 21-year-old centre back was shifted to right back — to rave reviews from manager Ryan Nelsen.

"I'm more than happy," Nelsen said after a recent practice. "He played out of position, wasn't scared of the occasion at all. Loved it, actually. You could tell he's a guy that you put in front of 100,000 and he'll love it even more."

Bright future

"I couldn't be happier with Nick. A great acquisition."

Toronto FC manager Ryan Nelsen, on 2013 draft pick Nick Hagglund

Hagglund will likely watch Saturday's season opener in Seattle from the sidelines. But he has already shown why Toronto traded up in the MLS SuperDraft to get him.

No stranger to changing positions, he started his collegiate career at forward, moving back to midfield and then centre back at the end of his freshman year.

Hagglund knows rookies usually play minor roles, so flexible is his middle name.

"I've been taught to be versatile," said Hagglund. "Wherever they need me, I'm going to go in."

Hagglund has been able to move back to centre back in practice where he serves as understudy to captain Steven Caldwell, Doneil Henry and Gale Agbossoumonde.

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Champions League

Barcelona leave Man City behind

Lionel Messi and Daniel Alves scored second-half goals as Barcelona beat 10-man Manchester City 2-1 on Wednesday to reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the seventh straight season.

Barcelona advanced with a 4-1 victory on aggregate over two legs in which referees' decisions — and non-decisions — played a big part.

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Tennis

Raonic repels Murray at Indian Wells

Canada's Milos Raonic used his big serve to earn a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over Andy Murray in the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open on Wednesday.

Raonic fired 15 aces and held triple match point when he ripped a cross-court forehand to close out the win after breaking Murray three times in the final set. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Playoff run will live and die with Leafs' depth

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The Leafs will have to rely on secondary forwards like Peter Holland come playoff time. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With the Maple Leafs looking more and more like a team bound for the playoffs, the trick for them will be to avoid injuries for the final few weeks of the regular season.

That's easier said than done, of course — and that's why, after Toronto didn't make any moves at the trade deadline, they'll have to look inward for replacement bodies when regular players are sidelined.

Luckily, there are some solid options for GM Dave Nonis & Co. to lean on in a time of need. The American League's Marlies aren't stacked with NHL-calibre talent from top to bottom, but they do have a number of players who can help the Leafs in limited roles.

Start with defenceman T.J. Brennan, who has enjoyed a highly productive season (21 goals and 59 points in 58 games). He hasn't been recalled to the NHL yet this season, but that's more about Toronto's relative good luck in regard to healthy D-men than it is about his play. The 24-year-old Brennan has 40 games of NHL experience and, so long as coach Carlyle isn't asking him to play 20-plus minutes a night, would fit in nicely alongside the rest of the Leafs' blueliners.

The Leafs also have a number of forwards they can turn to, including Peter Holland, Troy Bodie, Carter Ashton, Josh Leivo and Jerry D'Amigo. All of those players have spent time on the NHL roster — and while they aren't going to light up the scoreboard if Carlyle slots them in on the first or second line, they also aren't going to hurt the team playing on the third or fourth line. In the playoffs, when mistakes have to be minimized, that's a crucial factor.

Naturally, a catastrophic injury to a key Leaf — and no, superstitious person, I'm not jinxing anyone — is going to be problematic. Toronto still doesn't have the upper-tier organizational depth to absorb that kind of blow and continue looking as dangerous as they have for much of this season.

However, the playoffs are a war of attrition and all teams expect they'll need help at some point. Nonis' reluctance to make any moves at the trade deadline suggest he's confident the taxi squad he already has in place with the Marlies can supply stopgap measures for the short term.

NHL

Bernier looking for a W in L.A. return

Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier ABELIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

Jonathan Bernier has made some big starts in his career.

None might be bigger, at least to him, than Thursday night when he returns to the Staples Centre for the first time since the Los Angeles Kings — the team that drafted him — traded him to the Maple Leafs.

"I'm going to try to go to dinner with a few (Kings) guys Wednesday night and let them know they've got to shoot wide," said Bernier. "For me to be back where I started my career it's going to be a lot of fun. I'm excited. (I'm) going to be a bit nervous, but it's going to be a fun game.

"I'm going to enjoy it."

Bernier has certainly enjoyed his run with the Maple Leafs, where he has put up some fairly impressive numbers while backstopping a team that has trouble most nights finding the way out of its own end.

He is 8-2-2 in the 12 games he has faced more than 40 shots, including a 3-1 win over Anaheim in the West Coast road trip opener.

Bernier also leads the NHL with 19 wins in games in which he made 30 or more saves, and has had to make at least 30 saves in each of his nine road victories.

It's starting to feel like the Leafs will go as far as Bernier will take them. And that's one reason his teammates want to do him a solid and beat the Kings in his return.

"It's special for Bernier going back," said Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf. "He's going to have a lot of friends and people that he knows there watching. He's a huge part of our team ... he's been exceptional all year."

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The future is not bleak, no matter what some pessimists say. In fact it is exceedingly bright and you are in the right place at the right time to take advantage of all the good things that will be coming.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It's OK if you want to shut yourself off from the world and be alone with your thoughts for a while. Others may think you are behaving strangely but only because they are insensitive.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
No matter how go-getting and ambitious a Gemini you may be, there are times when even you must slow down and take time to smell the flowers along the way. Like right now.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you recently did something wrong then learn from it what you can, then put it behind you and move on. You'll make mistakes tomorrow too, of course, but your successes will far outnumber them.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you don't want to do something then leave it. Others may moan that you should be making an effort but they're wrong. You should work only on things that interest you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's Sun-Saturn link will encourage you to get serious about career prospects. Map out how you see your ambitions unfolding over the next six months — and who you can rely on for support.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your sixth sense tells you that something drastic is going to happen. But what some people see as a disaster over the next 24 hours, you will see as a golden opportunity.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Saturn in your sign, linked to the Sun in Pisces, urges you to take life at a slower pace. What you achieve over the next 24 hours or the next 24 years, will not be determined by speed but staying power.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't waste time lamenting what might have been. Sagittarius is a Fire sign, which among other things means you should always be looking forward to the next adventure.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not understand how and why certain events had to happen but you can see there is no point being negative. While others complain today, you will make the most of the changes.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There is always an answer, even to the most difficult of questions, so don't lose heart if your existence isn't easy. Despite what some choose to believe life is, was and always will be a garden of delights.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun in your sign is protecting you from harm and with Saturn on your side as well today it's as if you have some kind of force field around keeping negative ideas, and negative people, at bay. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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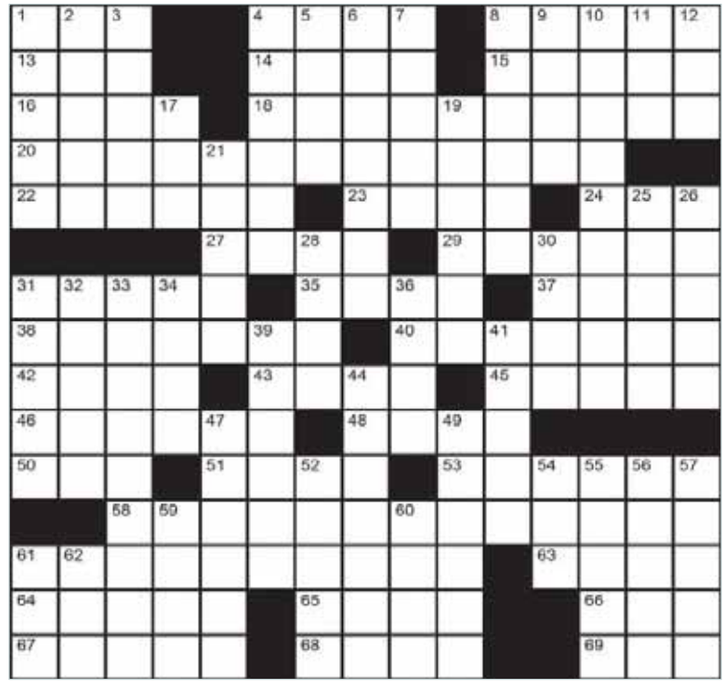

Across
1. Kitty's rival
4. Creme Creme connection: 2 mots
8. Eminem's mentor: 2 wds.
13. Flight schedule acronym
14. City near Provo, Utah
15. Baseball great Hank
16. Slangy affirmatives
18. Trapeze-fallers catchers: 2 wds.
20. Creators of Quebec cheese Oka in 1893 in a Cistercian Abbey: 2 wds.
22. Calgary's motto on its city crest
23. Crossword rendering of an owl couple peering out
24. __ Na Na
27. Paul McCartney's 1995 radio show, __ Joobu
29. __-__ garage
31. "Rolie __ Olie"
35. Gas or elec., e.g.
37. "Diana" (2013) character
38. "Disco Inferno" by The __
40. Modernize
42. Shreds
43. Prefix to 'dermic' (Syringe sort)
45. Prayers' last words
46. Oxygen-dependent being
48. Canadian musician Mr. Kim
50. Chairman Mao's military gr.
51. Bldg. planner
53. "All __!" (Train call)
58. Randy Jackson's role on "American Idol": 2 wds.
61. Shakespearean tragedy about a General of Rome
63. Unaccompanied
64. __ Building (NYC's mecca of '50/'60s songwriting)
65. Foul
66. Race the engine
67. War horse
68. "Be _ __!" (Help out!)
69. Saskatoon's airport code

Down
1. Banff National Park: __ Glacier
2. Sean Penn movie, "_ __" (1997)
3. Banana/custard tasting fruit [var. sp.]
4. Square Dancing call
5. Ages
6. Omitted: 2 wds.
7. Write _ __ (Do office work)
8. Any __ __ (Tomorrow, perhaps?)
9. Position
10. 'No jeans' policy: 2 wds.
11. Moulder
12. Nav. designation
17. Facials-getting site
19. Play the flute
21. Preamble
25. Actor, Thomas __ Church
26. Botanical casings
28. Overly ornate
30. Basketball's Lamar
31. Sink's plumbing fitting, _-__
32. Bay window
33. Portage __ __, Manitoba
34. Cream's "__ __ Glad"
36. Music's __ & Wine
39. Carbolic acid
41. 1994 Oasis album: 'Definitely __'
44. Soup ingredient
47. Look!
49. __ in distress
52. Tropical fruit
54. Some film roles, Walk-__
55. 'Affirm' suffix (Giving assent)
56. Watch brand
57. Celine Dion song: "I __ All Night"
59. Cairo's river
60. __ Varner, Lee Remick's role in "The Long, Hot Summer" (1958)
61. TV network
62. Food scrap

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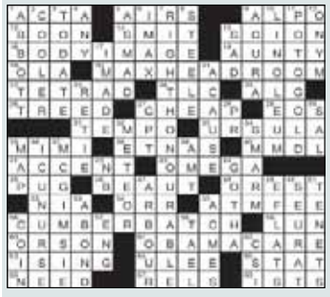

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	2	4	1			8		
2				7				8
		5				7		
4				1				2
		7			9	4	5	
3								
			5	8	1		7	3

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	8	3	7	4	1	9	2	5
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9	7	5	1	3	2	4	8	6
2	4	1	9	8	6	7	5	3
3	6	8	4	7	5	1	9	2
4	3	2	8	9	7	5	6	1
5	1	7	2	6	4	8	3	9
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